in Rajdhani Express and logistic problems of providing the service in the these trains.

Development of rail-infrastructure in Backward regions

448. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken effective measures for development of rail-infrastructure in backward regions with rich natural resources and development potential;

(b) if so, the details of new approach of Government for development of rail-infrastructure in backward regions of the country;

(c) the steps taken in this regard during past 3 years and projects approved/executed in Bihar out of these projects as on date and new projects proposed/cleared for execution during the past one year in Jharkhand region; and

(d) the funds allocated for these, ongoing and new projects in Bihar during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Govt. is according the highest priority to the development of rail infrastructure in backward region of this country, particularly in NE and J&K. A number of new line projects have been taken up all over the country.

(c) and (d) The projects approved in the last three years State-wise alongwith the funds allocated in 97-98 are listed in the statement attached.

Statement

The details of new line going projects in backward, hilly, tribal, remote and desert areas for the last 3 years are as under:

Name of the Project	State	Allocation during 97-98 (Rs. in Cr.)
Mandarhill-Rampurhat	Bihar	5.00
Nandyal-Yerraguntala	Andhra Pradesh	5.00
Kadur-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur	Karnataka	5.00
Kumarghat-Agartala	Tripura	10.00
Sakri-Hassanpur	Bihar	5.00
Haridaspur-Paradeep	Orissa	10.00
Undhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla	J&K	75.00
Khagaria-Kusheshwarsthan	Bihar	1.00
Harmuti-Itanagar	Arunchal Pradesh	1.00
Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi	Bihar	0.01
Ganga bridge at Patna	Bihar	15.00
Ara-Sasaram	Bihar	0.01
Giridih to Koderma as the first phase of Girdih-Barkakhana-Ranchi line	Bihar	0.01
Lalitpur-Satna and Rewa to Singrauli	Madhya Pradesh	0.01
Diphu to Karong as the first phase of the line to Imphal	Assam/Manipur Assam	1.00
Bogibheel bridge		15.00
Rail bridge on river at Monghyr	Bihar	10.00